

REMARKS

Claims 14-44 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1-13 are cancelled and claims 31-44 are added. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 14-44 in view of the new claims entered in this Preliminary Amendment, and the following Remarks.

I. The claims are not anticipated by Macor

Macor discloses a user interface for portable telephones. As illustrated in Figure 2 of Macor, a first user interface 8 and a second user interface 20 are provided, as well as an input device 22 (i.e., a trackball). However, the input device does not have a first portion and a second portion in any of the figures of Macor, and the trackball is not a key section. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Macor discloses navigation and selection of an item with the trackball, but does not disclose executing a task. For example, the trackball of Macor can select a function key, but is not capable of executing a task.

Applicant respectfully submits that Macor fails to disclose a first key section including a selection key pad and an execution key, as recited in claim 31. The trackball 22 of Macor clearly does not have more than one section, and thus cannot have multiple keys and/or key pads in that section. Further, Macor does not disclose that the execution key has a calling function, as recited in claim 31. As noted above, Macor cannot even execute a task, and thus, clearly does not disclose a calling function at the execution key, as recited in claim 31.

Claims 32-35 and 41 depend from claim 31 and claims 37-40 and 42 depend from claim 36. Applicant respectfully submits that the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend. Further, Applicant respectfully

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submits that Macor does not disclose that the execution key comprises a depression switch contact sandwiched between the plurality of switch contacts, as recited in claims 34 and 39.

Applicant respectfully submits that Macor fails to disclose executing the desired information on the highlighted portion, as recited in claim 43, or using a movement key and an execution key doubling as a calling key, as recited in claim 44. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 44 recites calling and execution as two distinct, separate and different capabilities of a key.

II. The claims would not have been obvious over Macor in view of JP '200

Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Macor and Japanese Patent Publication 06-90200 (hereafter "JP '200") fails to disclose or suggest all of the claimed combination of features in the pending application.

JP '200 discloses a portable radio telephone set have a dial 8 that is a volume control in a radio call state and a keypad 13. When the device of JP '200 is not in a radio call state, the dial 8 can select every kind of set. However, JP '200 does not disclose that the dial 8 is capable of executing a task (or a selected information item) from a plurality of information items displayed in a display.

For example, but not by way of limitation, the Macor fails to disclose or suggest executing a highlighted information item, as recited in claim 36, and the combination of JP '200 into Macor fails to cure this deficiency.

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III. The claims would not have been obvious over Ishida

Applicant respectfully submits that Ishida fails to disclose or suggest all of the claimed combination of features of the pending application. As noted above, the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend.

Ishida discloses a switching device for rear view mirrors of an automotive vehicle. Ishida includes a switch knob 22b, which allows a user to switch between mirrors to be controlled. Applicant respectfully submits that Ishida discloses a controller for adjusting windows having a execution key that selects between windows rather than executing.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Ishida fails to disclose or suggest that the first key section consists of a single lever-type key that allows the desired information item to be selected by inclining the single lever-type key in a desired search direction, and to be executed by depressing the single lever-type key, as recited in claims 35 and 40. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the aforementioned references, either alone or combination, disclose or suggest this feature.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all of the claims. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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